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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir,

This letter is in response to two previous notices received from the US
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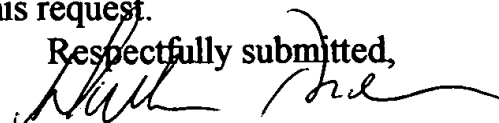
1. Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), Date
Mailed 05/19/2004.
2. Office action Summary, Date Mailed 06/07/04.

The amended claims per the request in reference 1 above were
submitted 06/18/04, and I have not been notified regarding the disposition of
that action. I have had several phone conversations with Ms. Nichelle
Peterson, who had a great deal of trouble locating the update within your mail
room, and in those discussions it also appeared that the timing of the office
action summary letter (reference letter 2) in advance of the resolution of
Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment on the claims was in question.

I was hoping my discussions with Ms. Peterson would resolve the
above but at this point I am pressed to request an extension since the Period
of Reply for the Office Action Summary (Ref 2 above), three months from
06/07/04 is upon me.

Please notify of the disposition of this request.

Respectfully submitted,


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